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**HOUSE BILL NO. 960****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Finance  
on February 3, 2014)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Wilt)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-611.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sales and use tax; limited exemption for school supplies and clothing.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 58.1-611.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 58.1-611.2. Limited exemption for certain school supplies, clothing, and footwear.**

Beginning in 2006, for a three-day period that begins each year on the first Friday in August and ends at midnight on the first Sunday in August, the tax imposed by this chapter or pursuant to the authority granted in § 58.1-605 or 58.1-606 shall not apply to certain (i) school supplies, including, but not limited to, dictionaries, notebooks, pens, pencils, notebook paper, and calculators; ~~and~~; (ii) clothing and footwear designed to be worn on or about the human body; *and (iii) laptop, desktop, or tablet computers, but not computer supplies or additional, separate hardware or software items.* The tax exemption shall apply to each article of school supplies with a selling price of \$20 or less, ~~and~~ each article of clothing or footwear with a selling price of ~~\$100~~ \$65 or less, *and each laptop, desktop, or tablet computer with a selling price of \$500 or less.* Any discount, coupon, or other credit offered either by the retailer or by a vendor of the retailer to reduce the final price to the customer shall be taken into account in determining the selling price for purposes of this exemption.

The Department shall develop guidelines that describe the items of merchandise that qualify for the exemption and make such guidelines available, both electronically and in hard copy, no later than July 15 of each year.

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